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SOME DATA ON USSR CROPS AND HARVESTS, AS OF 16 - 30 JUNE 1951

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources]

USSR

Cotton is beginning to flower on some kolkhozes of Frunze Oblast. Rye is flowering in Voronezh Oblast. Kolkhozes of that oblast will carry out artificial pollination of rye on an area of 300,000 hectares. In Tadzhik SSR, sowing of jute is being conducted 10 days earlier than last year. (1)

Large-scale harvest of winter grains is under way in Stavropol' Kray, in the Crimea, and in Groznyy Oblast. Kolkhozes of many rayons of the Transcaucasus, Moldavia, Kabardino ASSR, and Krasnodar Kray have begun selective harvesting. Winter crops are in excellent condition on the banks of the Kuma River, and in the foothill steppe area of Stavropol' Kray. Selective harvesting of winter wheat is in progress in Kerson Oblast. Kolkhozes of Groznyy Oblast are harvesting the oleaginuous crop rape (*Brassica napus*), and have begun selective harvesting of barley

Warm weather was observed in the central and western districts of the European USSR during the third week in June. This created favorable conditions for the growth of crops, the working of spring grain fields, and the cultivation of potatoes. Showers occurred in Poltava and Sumy oblasts, as well as in many rayons of the North Caucasus and the central chernozem belt. Considerable precipitation occurred in the Middle Volga region, and lesser amounts in Novosibirsk Oblast, the Urals, and the Kuban. Winter rye has flowered in Bashkiriya, the Urals, Novosibirsk Oblast, Kaluga Oblast, and in the Lithuanian SSR. Winter rye has headed in Tomsk Oblast, and entered the milky maturity stage in Kuybyshev Oblast.

Spring wheat has entered the tube stage in the Urals and in Eastern Siberia. Spring wheat has flowered in the central chernozem belt and in the Ukraine; in the North Caucasus and along the lower Volga it has attained the milky maturity stage. Warm, sunny weather has aided the cutting of hay, which is now in progress in the Center, in the Ukraine, in Western Siberia, and in Kazakh SSR. (2)

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Caravans of grain are to be seen along the roads of the Don region, Stavropol' Kray, the Kuban, and the southern oblasts of the Ukrainian SSR. Large-scale harvesting of winter grains is in progress under favorable weather conditions. As of 25 June, tens of thousands of hectares of wheat, rye, and barley had been harvested. The grain is transferred from the hoppers of the combines directly to procurement points.

Warm, sunny weather has facilitated the ripening of grains. Rye has entered the waxy maturity stage along the lower Volga, in the southern parts of the Chernozem zone, and in Chkalov Oblast. The harvest will begin here in the first days of July. Kolkhozes of Kursk Oblast have completed preparations for the harvest and have pledged a yield of 100 pud per hectare. Cotton has formed buttons in Izmail and Kerson oblasts. In Tadzhik SSR and in southern Uzbek SSR cotton has formed bolls.

Large scale harvesting of grasses has begun in Tatar ASSR, and in Tula and Irkutsk oblasts. Kazakh SSR kolkhozes have begun hay deliveries to the state. Thirty powerful presses have arrived at procurement points in the republic. Gathering of fruit from orchards is in full swing in Voronezh and other oblasts in the Ukraine, in Moscow and Ryazan' oblasts, in the republics of Central Asia, and in the Transcaucasus (3)

Estonian SSR

Estonian SSR kolkhozes have pledged the following crop yields for 1951 (in centners per hectare): grains 17, including wheat 18, flax 4.2, sugar beets 220, and potatoes 180 (4)

Ukrainian SSR

Reports received from Nikolayev dated 22 June indicated that many kolkhozes of Ochakovskiy, Varvarovskiy, Tiligulo-Berezanskiy, and Snigirevskiy rayons had begun selective harvesting of grains.

Reports received from Zaporozh'ye dated 22 June indicated that grains were ripening rapidly in that area. Barley, rye, and winter wheat had entered the waxy maturity stage in several places. Several kolkhozes of Kamensko-Dneprovskiy, Bol'she-Belozerskiy, Verkhne-Khortitskiy, and other rayons had begun selective harvesting of grains.

Reports received from Izmail dated 22 June indicated that kolkhozes of Suvorovskiy, Kiliyskiy, Tatarbunarskiy, Saratskiy, and other rayons of the oblast had begun the harvest of grains.

The first tons of grain were beginning to arrive at state procurement points from all three of the above-mentioned oblasts as of 22 June. (5)

As of 25 June, 100,000 hectares of winter wheat, rye, and barley had been harvested in the southern Ukraine. This year, from 80 to 90 percent of the area allocated to early spring grains in the southern oblasts of the Ukraine will be harvested with combines. (6)

RSFSR

Reports received from Krasnodar dated 19 June indicated that sunny weather had followed prolonged rains in then Kuban. Winter barley had ripened in the southern rayons of Krasnodar Kray -- Labinskiy, Krymskiy, and Severskiy. Selective harvesting was in progress. (7)

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Reports received from Simferopol' dated 22 June indicated that barley had ripened in the Crimea. The harvest had already begun in Simferopol'skiy, Dzhankoy-skiy, Sakskiy, Krasnogvardeyskiy, and other rayons. Thousands of pud of grain from the new harvest were arriving at state procurement points.(8)

Uzbek SSR

In 1950 about 700 cotton-growing kolkhozes of the republic obtained yields of less than 15 centners per hectare. In Surkhan-Dar'ya Oblast, 12 percent of the kolkhozes obtained yields of less than 10 centners per hectare. Even in oblasts where yields as a whole were good, such as Andizhan and Tashkent oblasts, many kolkhozes obtained poor yields (9)

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